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Townsend Clubs Plan Jubilee Sunday, Sept. 3

Townsend clubs throughout California will celebrate the fifth anniversary of the founding of the first Townsend club in America at a jubilee day meeting at the Hollywood Park race track in Inglewood, Sunday, Sept. 3.

The conclave will be the largest ever staged by the Townsend organization in California. Caravans are expected from neighboring states and large groups of Townsend followers are scheduled to come from as distant points as Denver and Portland, Oregon.

In conjunction with the charter jubilee the Townsends will stage a homecoming celebration for the 16 California Congressmen who voted for the Townsend Plan bill in Congress. Speakers for the jubilee, which will be opened with the flag raising ceremony at 10 o'clock in the morning, will be Dr. Francis E. Townsend, U. S. Senator, Sheridan Downey and a number of the honored California Congressmen.

Townsend Club Activities

By BETH PAIGE

"Torrance Day" at Townsend 17th District headquarters last Sunday was by request and not by choice. The music committee, M. C. Luster, ch., found so many musicians away or just leaving for vacations, that our program had to be cut fully 50 percent. Nevertheless, those remaining really compensated. Master Joe Daries in violin solos "Blue Danube Waltzes"; his tiny sister Pauline, in costume singing several songs in her soprano, remarkably sweet and true; Torrance's favorite comedian, Howard Foster gave a beautiful cornet solo, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Paige, who also played for the club choruses. Last but by no means least, Master Joe again, impersonating the ever-questing congressman, pleading for votes, rising to sublime heights of impassioned oratory on the state of the nation. The state of his audience at the close left no doubt that he had made a "direct hit."

A fine resolution and tribute to Mr. Wagner, from the Torrance club, was read and approved by a standing vote.

Next Sunday ushers in a big "B-day" celebration of the fifth anniversary of the issuance of the very first charter to the oldest Townsend club, Huntington Park No. 1, which is more fully described in an adjoining story.

Snan Wrapped in Red Tape

SANTA ROSA (U.P.)—The county still owns a steel bridge over the Russian River. In preparation for building a new one, the board of supervisors made the necessary legal arrangements for the sale of the bridge at auction but on the date of the auction there was no bidder. The next day, however, the supervisors had a bidder but no legal authorization for an auction. So they just decided to keep the bridge.

"Trailer Vagabond" Tours Shenandoah Nat'l. Park

By WARREN BAYLEY

While traveling through New York State, I was cautioned at least a dozen times not to miss Skyline Drive in Virginia. Many of my advisors were rather vague as to its exact locality, never having been there themselves, but all had personal friends who had made the trip and in every instance brought back glowing stories of its beauty. As a general rule, second hand stories are not very reliable, but in this instance I'm forced to admit that they were true in every respect.

This is one of our newest national parks. In fact, it's so new that the last section of road was completed only last month. It comprises an area of 181,693 acres in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia and is the first large wilderness area established as a national park east of the Mississippi River. It is approximately 70 miles long and ranges from one to 13 miles in width, extending along the crest of the Blue Ridge from Front Royal on the northeast to the vicinity of Waynesboro on the southwest. President Roosevelt dedicated the park on July 3, 1936.

Splendid Accommodations

Traversing the entire length of the park along the crest of the mountains is the much discussed Skyline Drive. This drive was built with but one thought in mind—beauty. Parking overlooks have been constructed at short intervals along the route so that the motorists can pause and enjoy the breath-taking sights that have made this drive so popular. As the altitude ranges from 600 to 4,000 feet above the surrounding country, one of the views are almost beyond belief.

Accommodations for every type of traveler have been provided throughout the park. These include cabins, trailer and tent sites, tables, fireplaces, firewood, comfort stations and at one point a laundry and shower building. Camping is limited to 30 days.

Rich in History

An elaborate system of trails and bridle paths has been constructed. These have been so planned as to enable amateur bikers to enjoy them without too much physical strain. The trail system is so extensive that a nature lover may spend every week-end for two years on walking trips and never go over the same ground twice. Among them is the famous Appalachian Trail which extends from Maine to Georgia.

The drive from Washington D. C. to the park (81 miles) is through that part of Virginia that has been the scene of so many historical happenings. The trail passes the famous battle field of Bull Run. On Jan. 21, 1861 the first pitched battle of the war between the States was fought at that point. One year later, in August, 1862, the same field was the scene of another bloody struggle, known as the Second Battle of Bull Run. A National Battlefield Park is now being developed which will suitably commemorate this only instance in American history where two major battles were fought on the same ground.

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Book Stolen: Author Pleased

CHICO. (U.P.)—Dr. Francis Haines, geography instructor in the Chico high school, feels that he has had a rare distinction conferred on him. A copy of his book "Red Eagles of the North," was the first book to be stolen from the Pacific House book exhibit at the San Francisco Exposition, out of a total of 7,000 books on exhibition there.

Lomita Seeks St. Extension

Purchase by the county of the triangular-shaped lot which brings Walnut avenue to a dead end at 259th street and extension of the thoroughfare to Apian Way is being sought by the Lomita Chamber of Commerce, according to Secretary H. H. Halladay. Traffic on Walnut at present is detoured to the east to connect with Apian Way.

A petition submitted to the chamber at its last meeting, asked the group to provide a bench for the bus stop on Narbonne avenue at Lomita boulevard.

Methods of increasing Lomita retail trade were discussed and plans for a buy-at-home drive were assigned for study to the merchants' committee, including Jim Woods, Dave Selders and Tom King.

MOTORISTS!

Watch Your Step Over Labor Day— Says Chief Cato

The Golden Rule, courtesy and common sense in driving were today offered by Chief E. Raymond Cato, of the California Highway Patrol, as three guides to safer motoring over the Labor Day holidays, September second, third and fourth.

"All holiday celebrants will find their trips faster and more comfortable if they obey the law. Our officers will enforce the law strictly where drivers show a disregard for the safety of users of our highways. Excuses will be tabu and explanations must be made to the courts when citations are issued," Cato advised.

"Speeding, cutting in, driving in middle lanes, crowding others off the highway, and glaring lights will receive special attention from the California Highway Patrol officers," the highway chief warned.

Club Musters 1,500 Who Play Chess By Mail

PHOENIX, Ariz. (U.P.)—And now comes the modern invasion of the ancient game of chess in the form of the Correspondence Chess Club of America.

A selected team of 10 persons from all over the United States is playing a selected team of 10 Englishmen by mail. Once a month each member of each team makes a move.

One of the members of the American team lives in Arizona. He is James P. Steele, who says the 1,500 members of the mail chess organization make "quite a business" of long-distance chess.

Steele said the "quickest" games are of the interstate variety, and moves are made every three or four days. A courtesy rule requires an answer be sent within 72 hours after a move is received from an opponent.

The longest games are played with persons in China, according to Steele. In these games the pace is not so fast and furious. A move is completed once every three months.

Narbonne Army Enlists in Grid

John L. Lupin, Narbonne high school graduate and son of Charles A. Lupin of San Pedro, has enlisted in the U. S. Army. He has been assigned to the 78th Field Artillery, stationed at Monterey Presidio. His brother, Alfred, has also enlisted and is in the same outfit.

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